

## DEDICATION.

We were more than glad when we learned that brother Martin Shively was elected to dedicate the new Brethren church at Hickory Grove. He with his wife and two boys, Earl and Loyal arrived here late Tuesday night, November 5, and were met at the depot by the genial face of brother Samuel Keiser and the writer. A few minutes walk brought us to the home of the former where they rested the latter part of the night. Brother Shively preached for us on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, yet with the inclement weather, his many friends came to listen again to one whom they much admire.

Saturday morning he left for Hickory Grove. Rain was still threatening, but the Sabbath dawned forth with its golden sunlight making us all glad; and at 10 A. M. the people had gathered from far and near until the new sanctum was filled to its utmost seating capacity.

Brother Shively chose for his lesson II Chron. 2:6, from which he gave us such a masterly discourse that we shall not soon forget. For more than an hour he held his hearers spellbound and with his simple and eloquent manner he sacredly dedicated the new edifice to Him who builds not and has mansions imperishable, and making all present feel a common interest and a spiritual benefit. He particularly impressed his hearers with the importance of considering it sacred property, that when we enter its portals we may at least feel that where we tread is "holy ground" and God is present.

The place shall be henceforth known as Bethesda church,—"house of mercy."

Let us pray for the willing hands that built it that they may in the near future be gladdened with harvests of souls as the fruits of their labors. And may this new monument stand as a witness of a living truth and prove a blessing to the community and aid in scores of precious souls being transplanted from the briery fields of sin into the garden of Eden and love.

There remains no debt as the subscriptions and collections amounted to several dollars over and above the actual encumbrance.

Brother S. remained for the evening preaching also on Monday and Tuesday evenings; returning to Bryan on Wednesday when he again gave us another soul-cheering sermon sweetening it with the refreshing dews of heaven, greatly adding fuel to our grace and comfort. He returned home Thursday, November 14, leaving us glad that he came and sorry that he left. And now brethren as our hands have extended our cause so much

farther, let us prove by our zeal and prayers that it pleases Him even more to rear monuments of glory with his attributes rather than with his material. Yours for the cause of Christ.

P. M. SWINEHART.

Bryan, Ohio, Nov. 18, 1895.

## SETTLED.

We a committee of peace take pleasure to state to our brotherhood at large, that, the trouble which has existed in the Rockingham, Va. church is now peacefully adjusted, with the agreement that both parties cultivate a spirit of forbearance and endeavor to dismiss all hatred and malice and discontinue the agitation of the question.

GEORGE A. COPP.

E. B. SHAVER.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

## AN AGREEMENT.

We the Brethren at Bethlehem declare that we disagree with the 14 day people of Dayton, Va., on the "special time for communion," and know of no other congregation in the brotherhood that holds to the 14th day of the first month as the proper time for communion. We further state that we can see no scriptural authority for holding this day in preference to any other day.

But also agree that no violation of the Gospel is made by observing the Lord's Supper on that day. But to hold and use it as a church doctrine we declare our protest.

But for the sake of peace and the promotion of harmony we agree that all who so believe may with our consent organize a congregation in Dayton, Va., granting unto said congregation independence as to the time or date of communion. Only that it be in the evening, preceded by feet-washing and supper.

And that we further agree to cultivate a spirit of forgiveness dismissing hatred and malice and endeavor to promote a better feeling and discontinue the agitation of this question.

The foregoing agreement is made with the express understanding that the Brethren church at large, do not hold the 14th day of the first month as part of her doctrine, as the proper time to hold the Lord Supper.

JOS. I. HALL.

GEO. G. HALL.

MARY C. HALL.

W. M. LOGAN.

LIZZIE C. LOGAN.

LEE HAMMER.

CENA HAMMER.

J. H. HALL.

E. FRANCES HALL.

## COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, a committee appointed to make corrections in a communication published in the EVANGELIST of August 28, '95, by elder I. D. Bowman, believe that the following corrections should be made:

1. The phrase "to prejudice the minds of the readers," should not be so written, but instead should be, *as I believe* to prejudice the minds of the readers.

2. The sentence "all the accusers of the expelled, know nothing about Gospel church government" is too strong and misleading.

3. Also that in the seventh section, where it reads "brother Hall refused to give the names of the expelled;" it should read the church refused to give the names of the expelled, and the reason as now learned is that Brother Hall's church refused to give these names.

Brother I. D. Bowman and brother J. I. Hall mutually agree to have the above correction made and the question under consideration is aimably settled.

E. B. SHAVER.

GEO. A. COPP.

## FROM LANARK, ILL.

The work on our new church is moving along rapidly, and we are quite sure that we will be ready to dedicate in about four weeks. By next week I think we can send you a notice giving the date of the dedication. We desire to send out a warm invitation to our neighboring brethren and sisters to come and join with us in the formal offering. We will give unto the Lord the rich feast of joy and spiritual food. Come along brethren, and drink in the feast with us. Pastor and people are striving hard to keep the banner of King Emanuel floating in the breeze, and considering all things we are moving onward and upward. Since my last report we have had three accessions. One by relation and two by confession. The latter will be baptized next Sunday.

Sister Ella Puterbaugh, wife of B. F. Puterbaugh, who has been very sick is not improving as rapidly as we hoped and prayed for. Her absence from Sunday-school and church is greatly felt. We long for the time when we can again enjoy her presence and keep in all the church services as we did a year ago. Brother E. S. Hady who has charge of the Public Schools here is proving to be the right man in the right place. To put it mildly the Professor has the elements of success largely developed, and if no misfortune befalls him, is destined to make a commendable mark in the world. Much seems to be in his favor, especially so in the noble wife he was fortunatn enough to win. She has thus far provee to be a true help-meet.

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.